



### **U.S. Marine Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. David W. Bradt**

1st Lt. David W. Bradt is a three year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and is currently serving as part of the Why We Serve speakers program. He recently returned from assignment in Iraq in March 2007 and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt joined the Marine Corp in 2004, after receiving his degree in Communication from the University of California at Davis. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt graduated from Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Officer and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. of Marines on August 13th, 2004. He graduated from The Basic School in March of 2005 as a member of the Commanding Officer's Honor Roll.

In October 2005, 1stLt Bradt deployed to the Western Al Anbar Province of Iraq with Charlie Company, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion. While deployed, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt was responsible for supporting all engineering operations for the 2nd Marine Regiment.

In September 2006, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt deployed to Habbaniyah, Iraq as the Combat Engineer Platoon Commander for the 3d Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment and the 3d Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. While deployed, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt was responsible for all engineering operations for the respective Infantry Battalions to include, but not limited to: weapons cache sweeps, combat demolitions missions, construction and deconstruction missions, force protection and defensive improvements.

Born and raised in San Diego, California, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt currently resides in Carlsbad, California and is currently stationed with the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bradt's Grandfather served as an Army Ranger during World War II and his father served as a Navy Corpsman in the Fleet Marine Force.

Bradt's decorations include a Naval Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons.